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In re patent application of:

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the Office Action in the above-captioned application dated October 24, 2007 be extended through the date of filing of this Petition, fee payment, and accompanying Amendment and Response.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) is believed to be \$120.00 for a one-month extension. This fee is provided for in our enclosed check. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than that provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned and may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under Order No. 7601/80921.

Respectfully submitted,

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